GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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TWIN CITY PROJECT BETWEEN HOWRAH AND KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of twin city project between Howrah and Kolkata could be considered during the Tenth Plan with one more additional bridge on Ganges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific proposals are under consideration to develop both sides of the Ganges from Kolkata to Nawadweep; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Government of West Bengal has informed that the Public works (Roads) Department of the State has since started preliminary activities for the construction of 2nd Vivekananda Bridge of 100 Mtrs. downstream from the existing Vivekananda Bridge on river Ganges.

(c)&(d): Government of West Bengal has informed that it plans to undertake riverfront development of different towns lying between Kolkata & Nabadweep through Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA).The riverfront development scheme includes protection of embankment, renovation of bathing ghats, riverside pathways, plantation of trees etc.